GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Movement of Elephants
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that cross border movements of elephants along Indo-Bangla border affects their genetic stock;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there is any proposal to lay a route to ensure that elephants go across the international boundary with ease;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The cross border movement of elephants across India-Bangladesh borders takes place along the international boundaries, in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal.

(c)During the 'First Indo-Bangladesh Dialogue on Trans-boundary Conservation of Elephants' held on 19-20, August, 2015 at Kolkata, it was recommended to facilitate natural migration of elephants between two countries through identified elephant corridors.

(d) & (e)The above proposal, after inter-ministerial consultations, will be placed before the Government of Bangladesh for consideration.

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